

It is a gross violation of public trust of our media that Sinclair Broadcasting intends to mandate that their stations air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. It is a clear example of precisely why media consolidation holds grave dangers for our democracy.

Like every other broadcasting company, Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It is hardly in the public interest to allow large companies to control the airwaves, and fill our homes with exactly those things that will ultimately kill our democracy. Instead of something biased that is produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities, and real and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.